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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Gerald "Jerry" Fitzgerald lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Kay Henley, during a solemn ceremony on May 31, 1958, at the Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerry and Kay Fitzgerald have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two sons and two daughters-in-law, Patrick and Terri Fitzgerald of Kingwood, Texas, and Scott and Brenda Fitzgerald of Parkville; and three grandchildren, Janna Fitzgerald, Megan Fitzgerald, and Brandan Fitzgerald; and

Whereas, now retired, Jerry Fitzgerald has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being an employee of Harcross Chemical, where he sold dry cleaning supplies, and owning and operating Fitzgerald's Crescent Cleaners in Harrisonville for many years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Kay Fitzgerald further distinguished herself by working in the family business; and

Whereas, members of the First Christian Church of Harrisonville, Jerry and Kay Fitzgerald have enjoyed many hobbies and past times over the years, a few of which include traveling and spending time with their loved ones at the Lake of the Ozarks; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald of Harrisonville will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a special family celebration:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jerry and Kay Fitzgerald and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

 $Be\ it\ further\ resolved$ that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald.

Offered by	
	Representative Luke Scavuzzo
	District No. 124
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3450, adopted June 18, 2008.